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Washington, D.C. 20231

July 16, 2002

Docket No.: 032405-065

Re: Applicant(s): Vargas, Jaime; et. al.
Assignee: Vascular Innovations, Inc.
Title: Trocar for Use in Deploying an Anastomosis Device and Method of Performing
Anastomosis
Serial No.: 09/989,055
Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: November 21, 2001
Group Art Unit: 3731

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Form PTO-1449 and references; and
- (4) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ No additional fee is required.

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.

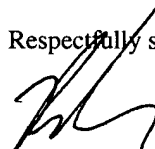
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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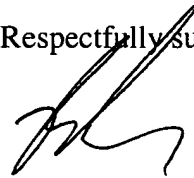
Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the information listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, and the submission thereof by Applicant shall not be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 CFR § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 USC § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicant as such.

This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted before receipt of the first Office Action under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), and thus no petition or fee is required.

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